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Interesting Items About Our Own Country. Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA. Manitoba crop reports indicate a bounteous harvest. Smallpox has broken out in Westmount a flourishing suburb of Montreal.

George Higgins, a British army pensioner who had served in India and at the Cape, committed suicide at London.

The Governor-General is still at Stanley house, on the Cascapedia, but will likely pay a flying visit to Ottawa and Toronto next month.

The body of Ira Cornwall, Secretary of the St. John Board of Trade, who mysteriously disappeared was found in the St. John River twenty miles below the city.

Mr. George H. Reid, Premier of New South Wales, arrived in Montreal yesterday, and had a conference with Sir William Van Horne, president of the Canadian Pacific railway.

The Dominion Line steamship Canada has beaten the record of 6 days and 18 hours between Queenstown and Boston, having made the trip in 6 days 15 hours and 31 minutes.

The Petroleum Oil Trust, which has been boring for oil in the Gaspé district for a long time back has at length been rewarded by a gusher, which will give at least five hundred barrels a day.

Mr. Geo. B. Reeves, general traffic manager of the Grand Trunk railway, says he is greatly pleased with the evidence of returning prosperity in Ontario, which he everywhere observed during his recent tour.

Sir Wilfred Laurier, in a letter to a friend in Montreal, states that he was not consulted as to the acceptance of the title and honors bestowed upon him, and that he found the decree signed by the Queen when he arrived in London.

The British steamer Scandinavian, from Glasgow for Boston, ran down and sank the Canadian barkentine and sank the Canadian barkentine Cape Florence on Saturday. The captain's wife and four of the crew of the Florence were lost.

Mr. Raymond Blathway, a frequent contributor to London magazines and newspapers, is making a tour of Canada for the purpose of writing a series of articles on immigration, the Kingston Military College, and the Canadian Pacific railway.

It was announced on Thursday that S. J. Sanford, the late County Treasurer of Simcoe, had appropriated \$64,000 during his twelve years tenure of office. His property and securities will realize \$49,000, so that the taxpayers will require to make up the balance of \$15,000, in addition to law costs.

GREAT BRITAIN. The First Lancashire Battalion has been ordered to get itself in readiness for duty in Malta.

The amount of prize-money won by the Canadian team at Balesy is about five hundred pounds.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered the town of Sterling, Scotland, six thousand pounds for a Public Library building.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone on Sunday celebrated the fifty-eighth anniversary of their marriage. They are both in excellent health.

Twenty-one firms of manufacturers of bicycles in England have joined the Employers' Federation in opposition to the striking engineers.

In the House of Commons on Thursday Mr. Chamberlain said that further time to consider the Pacific cable scheme.

The British Government has placed in the estimates £500,000 to provide for the construction of four new cruisers and some torpedo-boat destroyers.

It is thought probable that the forthcoming visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Ireland will be signalized by the release of the Irish political prisoners.

A small commission has been sent abroad by the United States Department of Agriculture to investigate the possibility of Siberia being a wheat-growing rival of the Western States.

The Japanese Minister at Washington addressed to the State Department on behalf of his Government a polite but firm protest against the annexation of Hawaii by the United States.

Mr. Curzon stated in the House of Commons on Monday, that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty contained an agreement recognized either by the United States or Great Britain as affecting the annexation of Hawaii.

The Imperial Government has again declined to interfere in the Maybrick case, not finding in the medical reports any reason for mitigating the treatment to which in the ordinary course of affairs she is subjected.

Mr. McLeod Stewart, ex-Mayor of Ottawa, was given a luncheon on Wednesday in the restaurant of the British House of Commons by Lord Lorne, who introduced him to several members to whom he explained his Georgian Bay and Ottawa Canal schemes.

UNITED STATES. A mob lynched one horse thief and shot another at Little Rock, Ark., on Tuesday.

The cloakmakers of New York, who receive starvation wages, propose a strike.

ANCIENT ROME.

Excavations Bring to Light Remnants of the Forgotten World.

Workmen engaged in digging the soil of Rome have within the last few days come upon remnants of the older and well-nigh forgotten world of art and beauty. In the Villa Lante, on the Janiculum Hill, in the making of a road the workmen came upon an ancient but, nameless tomb, containing the bones of the original inmates and a number of the objects that were buried with him. Nothing of unusual interest was found here. Unlike many of the tombs opened near Rome very commonplace articles of terra cotta and metal were found.

In the Corso, the chief street and the most fashionable highway of the city, during diggings made in front of the princely palace of the Sciarra family, a statue of marble has just been brought to light. It is a female figure of very good workmanship, but headless and armless. These essential requirements for the identification of a statue being wanting, it has been found impossible to pronounce with certainty what the personage or divinity represented by the new-found marble may be.

Just at this very time when people are surprised at the extraordinary richness of the Roman soil in works of ancient art, an account comes from Perugia, the chief city of Umbria, of another remarkable find. A letter dated June 30, from Perugia relates that yesterday—that is to say June 29—the workmen employed in the reconstruction of the spire of the historical belfry of St. Ginihana, discovered in one of the walls a vast niche which had been covered up. Within it was a statue of gold, together with a very great number of ancient gold coins—the whole find of inestimable value.

SEMI-CYCLE. Queer Machine Ridden by a Variety of Former.

Trick cycling shows all are familiar with. Some crack experts ride tricycles, and others bicycles. There are others, again, who, contemplating a multiplicity of wheels, perform all their wonderful feats on one solitary wheel, with which they seem able to do any conceivable thing. M. Noiset, however, a trick cyclist in Europe rides half a wheel! Of course, the angles are not sharp, but rounded. No one has ever heard tell of round angles, perhaps, but then our cyclist's performance is likewise unique. The machine is provided with unusually long and powerful cranks, which (to say nothing about the back-pedaling necessary) are very requisite for the forward movement, when the half circle has run its course, and the flat side is about to come down on the ground. This young artiste, when touring across Europe and America, always contrived to get up public races between himself and the local professional scorcher, invariably stipulating, however, for a nicely calculated start.

UNFORTUNATE. Miss Gaswell—Pop, did you see the Prince of Wales while you was in London at the Queen's Jubilee, an' did ye talk with him?

Pop—I saw 'im, but the crowd was so big he didn't see me.

GENERAL. In spite of the intense heat the Pope is in his usual health; in fact, he is better than he was last winter.

The political situation in Portugal, already grave, has been aggravated by the strong measures taken by the Government to intimidate the Republicans.

Despatches from Bombay and Simla show that the native uprising in the Chitral is serious.

Severe storms have prevailed through out Catalonia, Spain, for the past few days, doing great damage to the vineyards.

Li-Hung Tsoo, the Chinese statesman who was a strong believer in the anti-foreign policy, and chief opponent of Li-Hung-Chang, is dead.

Capt. Botcheff, ex-Aide-de-Camp to Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria, has been convicted of murdering Anna Szimon, a beautiful singer of Budapest.

The Belgian Chamber of Deputies has passed a bill compelling all foreigners who have had a year's residence to enroll themselves on a civic guard.

In the engagement at Fort Martin, near Hartley, South Africa, the noted Chief Mashigombi was killed and 400 or 500 of his followers were taken prisoners.

The Paris Figaro predicts the early issuance of a Papal encyclical censuring the priests who continue to incite the workmen of France and other countries to demand their rights.

The Paris Figaro says it is probable that an amicable arrangement will be made between Japan and the United States in the Hawaiian question, and that the United States will back down on the most important points.

The Cologne Gazette says that several of the powers, including Germany, have adopted the standpoint that the evacuation of Thessaly by Turkey shall not be demanded unless the indemnity by Greece is paid or guaranteed.

A large body of tribesmen made an attack on Monday night on the camp at Malakand in the Chitral. One private was killed and two officers and an aide were wounded. The cavalry are now pursuing the enemy.

The story that Prof. Marconi is contemplating applying wireless telegraphy to exploding magazines against distant warships and automatically synchronizing watches in people's pockets is denounced by Prof. Crookes as the irresponsible chatter of an unsophisticated reporter.

A STORY FROM IRELAND. An amusing story comes from the north of Ireland. At a small fair the local wag, a big, powerful fellow, got to on the spree, and on being ordered to move on, by a diminutive policeman, quietly lifted the fellow from his feet and carried him off under his arm.

This, of course, the policeman resented, but his struggles were useless, and he had to content himself with kicking his best and shouting to his captor.

"If yez don't put me down, I'll take ye up."

ARCTIC POSTOFFICE. The most northern postoffice in the world has recently been established by the Norwegian Government on the island of Spitzbergen, off the north coast of Norway. There are practically no inhabitants in the vicinity, but the office is established for the convenience of excursionists who go there during the summer months.

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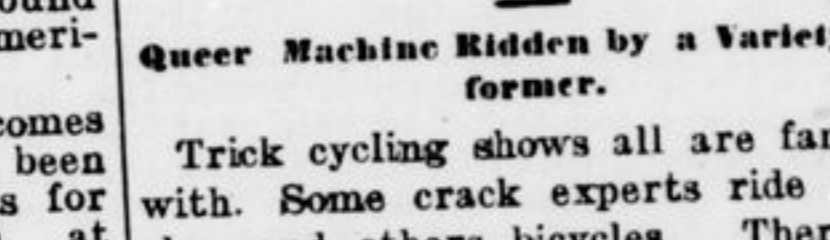
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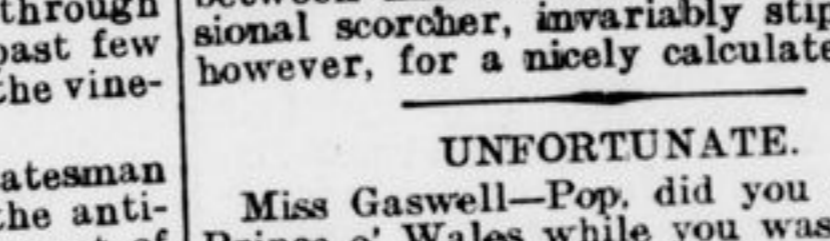


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